

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He
lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
good, God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness
lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en
dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. Then we will rise to meet the
hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed, And we will
keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.
O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e -
ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and
ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession and Absolution

- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- L** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - C** **Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**
 - L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
 - C** **More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 121

- L** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?
C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**
L He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
C **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
L The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
C **The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**
L The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

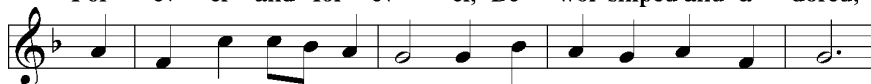
Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3:14–4:8

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Sermon

Offering

Prayer Response

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our

daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

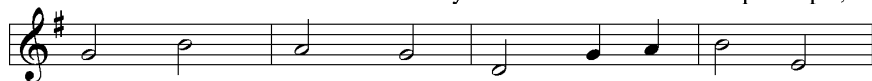
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622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

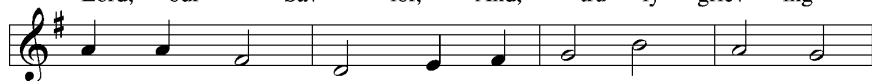
sts. 1-4, 7



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y
Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are
That we are thank - ful for Your grace And day by



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.
day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.

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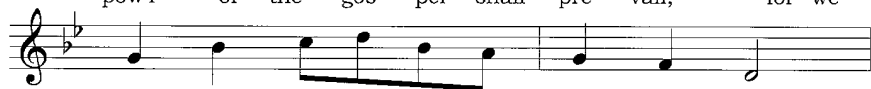
By Faith



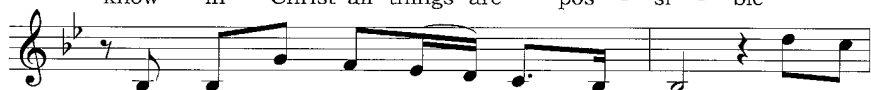
By faith we see the hand of God in the
 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 By faith the church was called to go in the
 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we



lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



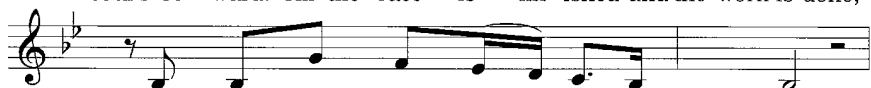
who walk by faith and not by sight. *v. 2*
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *chorus*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. *v. 4*
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *chorus*
 for all who call up - on His name. *chorus*



stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our



soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the work is done,



we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Come ye souls by sin a - fflic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sor - row
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make your o - be - dience
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His
Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened
down; By the bro - ken law con - vic - ted, Through the
sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His
voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in
eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the
cross, be - hold the crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to
grace shall guide your feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to
Him a - lone re - joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm -
rest the cross sup - plies. All who taste it, All who
Je - sus, look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.
glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.
and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be come their hap - py choice.
taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

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The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Amen.

Call to Christian Community

L Jesus once said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Jesus calls His followers to live in community. After our last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. Now receive God's blessing.

Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

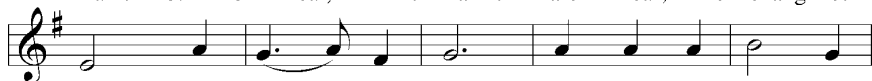
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

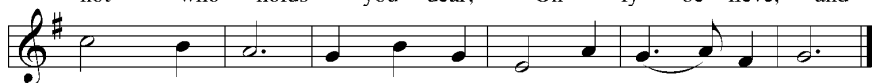
664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study](#) & Youth Confirmation – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School & Youth Confirmation](#) – 10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) – 6:30 AM (Downstairs)
- [Jr. & Sr. High Youth](#) – 6:30 PM (Staake Home)

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- [Women's Bible Study](#) – 10:00 AM
 - AA Meeting – 1:30 PM
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Announcements

College Care Packages: Attention all St. James members, if you are or have a college student in your family, please send their college address to Cheryl at the church office. 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Glen-Ed Pantry's Annual Thanksgiving Basket Project

St. James is helping provide 150 Thanksgiving Baskets for local families! We're collecting 8 specific dinner items—pick up a shopping list in the back of church. Freewill offerings are also welcome. Donations accepted through **Sunday, November 9**. Thanks, and praise to the Lord for allowing us to bless families in our community this Thanksgiving! See Bev Tiemann with any questions.

Women's Mission Project – Fellowship in Action

Saturday, November 1, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

All ladies are invited to a **Hands-On Mission Project** — a day of fellowship, fun, meaningful service, and a light lunch! We'll wrap cozy blankets and delicious cookies for two local charities supporting community outreach and children in foster care. If you're able, bring a dozen or two cookies for the outreach. Come for an hour or stay the whole time — your helping hands and joyful heart will make a difference as we share Christ's love in action! See Cheryl Schnicker for any questions – cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

St. James Guiding Statement

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.

St. James Mission Pillars

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